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Hobart.

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Saturday aft.

Dear Doo,

Your letter came to hand yesterday, & let us know that you were well & flourishing, though I must say it did not contain much more information. However we must not grumble for you are very good to write so regularly. My letter will be a shabby one this week, so I will make up by sending you a few photos of our Lake & Clair trip, they will help to give you a notion of the country & the scenery. No photo does justice to mountains. The camera dwarf them so much. I think painters & sketchers fall into the opposite extreme & exaggerate them. This

is however an error on the right side for it requires a little exaggeration to give a truthful idea of a mountain, that is to reproduce something of the impression that the actual mountain makes on the eye. I hope you will admire my photo. I look something between a tramp or 'sundowner' & a town loafer - of the Sorell sort. All the others had got themselves swartened up more or less, but I had taken off my coat to photograph & put myself at hazard in the picture after I had grouped the rest, & then got Wicker to take off the cap & expose the plate.

I have 2 or 3 panoramas that I will let you have next mail.

On the 20th there are to be four weddings :- Millie Campbell & Miss Hain; Sloper Butler & Miss Rogers; Lou Whitesides & Miss Hawkins, & another which I have forgotten. I am trying to find something for a present for Millie Campbell.

Mr Clarke has been away to
Lancaster this week to the
Congregational Union. He was
to come back last night.

Henry is more unsatisfactory
than ever. I fear he is a terrible
trial to poor old Mr C.

Minnie is absorbed in Hospital
work. She looks very well in a
lilac dress & high white apron.
She is only there during the day.
Comes home at 9 & has to be
back at Hospital at 4 to 7
in the morning. I fancy her
family don't like it, but it will
do her good & as she says, it is
a new experience & good drill, -
for the rules are very strict.

Mrs Clarke, Grace, Alice & Lily
have been out at Summerhome
all the week.

Sah & Poppy are preparing for
their school & are getting their
rooms furnished. They begin
after Easter with about 10 girls.

I think it is a wise move; will
be better for Sah, & do Poppy good.
I don't think it would have done
for Sah to have started alone. She
would have worried too much,
but Poppy will prevent that I think.
P. will also make up for Sah's
absence of mind & will organise.
Sah was rather put out at not
getting away from the College at
the end of the quarter, which is
properly 5 April. She has to stay
on until the Easter holidays
another 10 days or so fortnight.

Miss Piper gave out that the quarter
would begin end with the Easter
Holidays for the old girls, but
for the new girls the new quarter
would begin on April 5th.
Sah asked her how the quarter
could begin on two days.

I think Mrs Pallace's School. She has
over 20. and Sah's School will
make a difference to the College.

If Sah had begun after the
Christmas holidays, I believe she

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✓ would have had 25 to 30 girls.

Business is very dull. Noel White has had to shut, & will be sold off I suppose. I am very sorry. It will throw about 70 hands out of employment, at least for a time. It is a good thing that Robert & the dissolved partnership. In spite of dullness, we have a good deal of work in the office.

The warships are clearing out. The French man of war, Dubourdieu, leaves on Monday. They gave a dance on board yesterday, at which there was a great crowd. The Royalist sails to day, and the Curacoa & Ruig dove on Monday.

We are all much as usual. Little Bernard seems to be better, but suffers from weakness of the ankles. They were afraid he was going to have ring worm, but I think it has been stopped. Next week I think I shall write address to London.

Have been to get the little mother's
messages - which are as usual.
She is sitting in her white chair
at the open window in the back
room, & when I went in she
had fallen asleep over the
Illustrated. It is rather chill
this afternoon for her though fine.
We have had a spell of cold
weather, a good deal of rain,
& snow on the mountain this
week. Isa has not been well
for two or three days. She says
it is indigestion. This afternoon
she has gone to play tennis, with
a new racket of which she is
proud. She seems to be much
better to day. I have been rather
sleazy, & troubled with my eyes;
but I have got new & stronger
spectacles & find the inflammation
at once began to go down. It was
no doubt caused by the straining
of the muscles of the eye.

Adieu beloved forever / Dr

See Napoleon's Tomb Notre Dame &
and great lions before you go.